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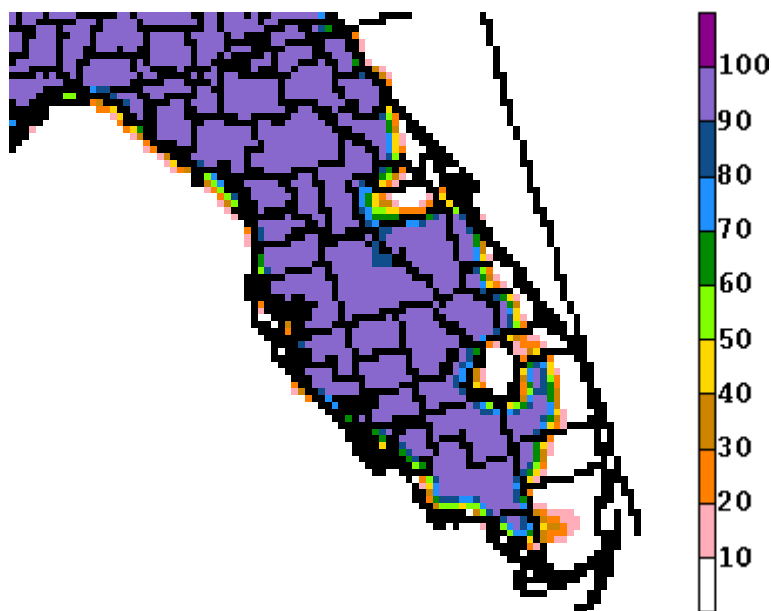
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT

**NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAMPA BAY AREA - RUSKIN FL
745 AM EST TUE JAN 3 2012**

...RECORD COLD TEMPERATURES POSSIBLE TONIGHT...

AFTER A RATHER WARM DECEMBER, OLD MAN WINTER HAS MADE A RETURN. A COLD FRONT MOVED THROUGH THE REGION YESTERDAY WITH A SECONDARY SURGE CROSSING THE AREA EARLY THIS MORNING. BEHIND THIS AN AREA OF HIGH PRESSURE WILL BUILD INTO THE REGION TODAY USHERING IN MUCH COLDER DRIER AIR ON BREEZY NORTHERLY WINDS. TEMPERATURES WILL STRUGGLE INTO THE MID 40S TO MID 50S FROM NORTH TO SOUTH TODAY WITH DEW POINTS EXPECTED TO FALL INTO THE SINGLE DIGITS AND TEENS. TONIGHT THE WINDS WILL DIMINISH UNDER MAINLY CLEAR SKIES AND THIS COMBINED WITH THE VERY DRY AIR WILL SETUP GOOD RADIATIONAL COOLING ALLOWING TEMPERATURES TO QUICKLY FALL AFTER SUNSET. LOW TEMPERATURES TONIGHT ARE EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 20 TO 25 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL WITH READINGS FORECAST IN THE UPPER TEENS ACROSS INLAND PORTIONS OF THE NATURE COAST, AND INTO THE 20S SOUTHWARD ACROSS MUCH OF THE REST OF THE AREA. IF THESE TEMPERATURES OCCUR THEY WILL BE SIMILAR TO JANUARY 11 2010.

AS SEEN IN THE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PREDICTION CENTER (HPC) IMAGE BELOW, THE MAJORITY OF WEST CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA HAS A GREATER THAN 90 PERCENT CHANCE OF FREEZING TEMPERATURES TONIGHT INTO WEDNESDAY MORNING.



**PROBABILITY OF NEAR-SURFACE TEMPERATURES AT OR BELOW 32°F
(<http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/prob32/index.shtml>)**

RESIDENTS OF WEST CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, ESPECIALLY THOSE AWAY FROM THE IMMEDIATE COAST, SHOULD MAKE PREPARATIONS TO PROTECT VEGETATION AND BRING PETS INDOORS TONIGHT. PROLONGED TEMPERATURES NEAR OR BELOW FREEZING MAY SEVERELY DAMAGE SENSITIVE VEGETATION, AND CAN BE HARMFUL TO PETS. IN ADDITION, APPROPRIATE ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT EXPOSED WATER PIPES ARE ADEQUATELY INSULATED TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE COLD TEMPERATURES. IF YOU PLAN ON BEING OUTDOORS TONIGHT INTO EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING BE SURE TO BUNDLE UP AND DRESS IN LAYERS. ALSO IF YOU PLAN ON USING SPACE HEATERS PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THEY CAN BE A FIRE HAZARD, AND YOU SHOULD KEEP LINENS, BLANKETS, CURTAINS AND OTHER FLAMMABLES AWAY FROM THE HEATER AT ALL TIMES.

THESE COLD TEMPERATURES COULD APPROACH RECORD VALUES TONIGHT, BUT NOT AS COLD AS THE ALL-TIME JANUARY RECORDS WHICH RANGE FROM AROUND 10 DEGREES ACROSS THE FAR NORTH TO THE MID 20S FAR SOUTH. BELOW ARE TABLES OF THE RECORD LOW TEMPERATURES AT SITES AROUND THE AREA FOR JANUARY 4, ALONG WITH THE ALL-TIME RECORD LOWS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

RECORDS FOR JANUARY 4:

LOCATION		RECORD LOWS FOR JAN 4	NORMAL LOW	RECORDS BEGAN
ARCADIA	:ARCF1	24 IN 2001	47	1899
ARCHBOLD BIO STN	:ACHF1	28 IN 2001	47	1969
		& 1984		
AVON PARK 2 W	:AVPF1	28 IN 2010	47	1901
		& 1979		
BARTOW	:BARF1	26 IN 1928	51	1892
		& 1918		
BROOKSVILLE CHIN HILL	:BROF1	22 IN 2001	49	1892
BUSHNELL 2 E	:BSHF1	25 IN 1979	44	1948
CHIEFLAND 5 SE	:CHIF1	19 IN 2001	42	1956
FORT MYERS/PAGE FIELD	:FMY	30 IN 1928	54	1902
INVERNESS 3 SE	:INVF1	24 IN 1979	42	1948
LAKELAND LINDER FIELD	:LLDF1	30 IN 2010	50	1915
		& 2002		
MOUNTAIN LAKE	:LWLF1	28 IN 2010	49	1935
MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK	:MKCF1	28 IN 2008	49	1956
PARRISH	:PARF1	30 IN 2008	50	1957
		& 1979		
PLANT CITY	:PLCF1	25 IN 1928	49	1892
PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE	:PNTF1	31 IN 1979	52	1966
SARASOTA-BRADENTON	:SRQ	28 IN 1928	52	1911
ST LEO	:STLF1	21 IN 1928	49	1895
ST PETE/ALBERT WHITTED	:SPG	29 IN 1928	54	1914
TAMPA INTERNATIONAL APT	:TPA	28 IN 1928	51	1890
TARPON SPRINGS	:TRPF1	24 IN 1928	50	1892
VENICE	:VNCF1	33 IN 2002	52	1955
		& 1979		
WAUCHULA 2 N	:WAUF1	22 IN 2010	49	1933
WEEKI WACHEE	:WEEF1	23 IN 2001	45	1969
WINTER HAVEN	:WHNF1	31 IN 2002	50	1941
		& 1962		

RECORDS FOR JANUARY:

LOCATION		ALL-TIME RECORD LOWS FOR JANUARY	RECORDS BEGAN
ARCADIA	:ARCF1	18 ON 01/12/1982 & 01/13/1981	1899
ARCHBOLD BIO STN	:ACHF1	13 ON 01/05/2001 & 01/12/1982	1969
AVON PARK 2 W	:AVPF1	18 ON 01/14/1981	1901
BARTOW	:BARF1	18 ON 01/03/1898	1892
BROOKSVILLE CHIN HILL	:BROF1	13 ON 01/21/1985	1892
BUSHNELL 2 E	:BSHF1	12 ON 01/21/1985 & 01/13/1981	1948
CHIEFLAND 5 SE	:CHIF1	9 ON 01/22/1985	1956
FORT MYERS/PAGE FIELD	:FMY	27 ON 01/26/1905	1902
INVERNESS 3 SE	:INVF1	15 ON 01/21/1985	1948
LAKELAND LINDER FIELD	:LLDF1	20 ON 01/22/1985 & 01/21/1985	1915
MOUNTAIN LAKE	:LWLF1	16 ON 01/22/1985	1935
MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK	:MKCF1	18 ON 01/13/1981	1956
PARRISH	:PARF1	18 ON 01/13/1981	1957
PLANT CITY	:PLCF1	15 ON 01/27/1905	1892
PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE	:PNTF1	23 ON 01/12/1982	1966
SARASOTA-BRADENTON	:SRQ	23 ON 01/13/1981 & 01/21/1971	1911
ST LEO	:STLF1	18 ON 01/21/1985	1895
ST PETE/ALBERT WHITTED	:SPG	27 ON 01/21/1985	1914
TAMPA INTERNATIONAL APT	:TPA	21 ON 01/21/1985	1890
TARPON SPRINGS	:TRPF1	19 ON 01/13/1981	1892
VENICE	:VNCF1	23 ON 01/13/1981	1955
WAUCHULA 2 N	:WAUF1	18 ON 01/11/2010	1933
WEEKI WACHEE	:WEEF1	13 ON 01/13/1981	1969
WINTER HAVEN	:WHNF1	19 ON 01/21/1985	1941

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